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Dr. Clinchy To Speak On Brotherhood Sabbath; Divided Jewish Appeal To Be Sermon Theme

On Friday evening, Feb. 21, which is the Sabbath of nationally observed Brotherhood Day, the congregation will be fortunate to have as its guest speaker Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, Executive Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which conducts extensive work in bettering group relations and which is the sponsoring organization behind Brotherhood Week. Dr. Clinchy will speak on "Adventuring for Brotherhood."

Dr. Clinchy has won for himself a national reputation because of his brilliant and constructive labors in the interfaith movement. A comparatively young man, the author of *In the Name of God* and other works, he is a clear, direct and stimulating speaker. THE SCROLL hopes that the congregation will be present in large numbers to hear his message. Dr. Clinchy is brought to our pulpit under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education.

The Divided Jewish Appeal

On Friday evening, Feb. 28, Rabbi Steinberg will discuss from the pulpit one of the most complicated and distressing problems in American-Jewish life at the present time—the disintegration of the United Jewish Appeal and the return to independent drives of the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal and the National Refugee Service.

He will attempt to answer the questions which puzzle so many Jews at this time. Why has the United Jewish Appeal broken down? What were the immediate causes in budget and the ultimate causes in differences of position? What is the status of the three organizations right now? What happened at the Atlanta Conference of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds?

Most of all, Rabbi Steinberg will attempt to offer guidance for action on the part of individual Jews within their trades and as individuals.

Donations Are Made To the Gift Fund

The Board of Trustees calls the attention of readers of THE SCROLL to a very lovely and gracious practice of which some of the members have availed themselves and of which many more would desire to if they were aware of it.

Every person at some time or other has occasion to indicate in some fashion that he shares in the joys or sorrows of his family and friends. In some circumstances, a gift or the sending of flowers is either inappropriate or would not be desired by the recipient. In such a situation, a gift presented to the Synagogue in honor of the recipient might be deeply appreciated both for its usefulness and thoughtfulness alike.

Such gifts of congratulation or condolence, as the case may be, may be earmarked for special purposes in which the person honored might be particularly interested, such as the school, the library, the floral fund, or the general fund of the congregation.

The Board of Trustees has authorized the publication in THE SCROLL at regular intervals of the fact of such gifts, their donors, the occasion of their presentation and the purpose to which they are to be devoted. It has also authorized the Secretary to inform the person honored, or the family involved, of the presentation made. Beginning with the next issue of THE SCROLL gift notices will be published.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS



Friday Evening Service
Brotherhood Sabbath, Dr. Clinchy, speaker
Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Service

Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m.

Junior Cong. Sabbath Service

Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes

Feb. 23, 9:45 a.m.

Red Cross Group

Monday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adult Classes

Monday, Feb. 24

Choral Group

Monday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.

Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Friday Evening Service

Oneg Shabbat in Vestry

Feb. 28, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday Morning Service

Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Junior Cong. Sabbath Service

Mar. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Coterie Dance

Saturday, Mar. 1

Sunday School Classes

Mar. 2, 9:45 a.m.

Red Cross Group

Monday, Mar. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Choral Group

Monday, Mar. 3, 8 p.m.

Senior League Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 4

Are You a Member of Zionist Organization?

THE SCROLL never solicits on behalf of organizations outside the Synagogue. It is, however, now breaking this precedent to urge upon its readers that they join the Zionist Organization of America if they have not already done so. The Z.O.A. is engaged in a campaign to raise its membership to 150,000.

It is impossible to over-estimate the importance of large support for the Zionist Organization. The strength and prestige of Zionism in the eyes of the British Government, the support which will be given to Palestine by Jewish communities, will all be determined in great measure by the number of Jews who enroll officially as Zionist supporters.

THE SCROLL, through Mr. Sidney Gottlieb, its editor, is prepared to accept members for the Yorkville Zionist District. That District, headed by Dr. Harry Wechsler of our own congregation, contains within itself a large group of Park Avenue Synagogue members. Its monthly forums held at the Y.M.H.A. represent a splendid contribution to adult Jewish education. Fees are \$5 per year. Checks should be made to the Zionist Organization of America and mailed to Mr. Sidney Gottlieb at the Synagogue.

Coteries Plan Charity Dance

A dance sponsored by the Coteries will be held in the Vestry rooms Saturday evening, March 1, at 8:15. The proceeds of this dance are to go for charitable purposes of the clubs.

At their next cultural meeting, Sunday afternoon, it is planned that Rabbi Steinberg will participate.

Starting with a cocktail party at the home of Miss Kay Stern, the Coterie ushered in a gala formal evening which ended with a party at the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Pennsylvania, where they danced to the strains of Jimmy Dorsey and his Orchestra.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

On Sunday morning, February 7, the pupils of the Sunday School celebrated Tu B'Shvat (Palestine Arbor Day). The program included a short sketch and dance by the Junior Dramatic Club, directed by Miss Shulamith Fain, and a series of movies depicting the activities of the New York Federation and the Histadruth, the organization of Palestinian cooperation.

The films were part of the Keren Ami project, designed to acquaint and associate Jewish children with Jewish agencies and organizations. Refreshments were provided by the Sisterhood and Mr. Herman Udelsman.

The second meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association was held on Sunday, February 9. The curriculum of the Sunday School was analyzed by the principal, Mr. Samuel Grand. The course of study of each particular grade was discussed by parents and teachers in class groups.

Adult Classes Are Under Way

The spring term of the classes under the auspices of the Committee on Adult Education opened on Monday evening, Feb. 10, under favorable circumstances and with a very gratifying registration.

Registration is of course still being accepted, and persons may join the classes at the next meeting on Feb. 24.

The program is as follows:

7:30—Seminar on The Problems of the Religious Life; Hebrew.

8:20—Music; Bible Study.

9:10—Major Lecture Course—Jewish Personalities Who Have Influenced Civilization: In the area of Philosophy.

At the meeting of Feb. 24, Rabbi Steinberg will discuss Moses Maimonides as a molding factor in world thought.

SORRY!

Due to the limited space available in this issue, we are required to forego the publication for this issue of "Youth Speaks." Next issue, however, will bring "Chaos is the time for hope—" by Bob Barzilay.

SISTERHOOD FLASHES

The next regular meeting of Sisterhood takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Starting promptly at 1 p.m., Cantor Putterman will teach us the various melodies which are used at our services for Congregational singing, as well as liturgical, Palestinian and Hebrew folk songs. Please be prompt as the regular meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

Following the business meeting a fine program is planned. Sisterhood looks forward to greeting you.

Red Cross

Sisterhood's Red Cross First Aid course has started at the Synagogue, and is being taught by Dr. Felix Jacoby. A most enthusiastic group attended the first session, all anxious to do their bit if needed. The class meets twice a week, Mondays from 10:00 a.m. till 12 noon, and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Book Review Series

The Spring Book Review Series will start Tuesday morning, March 11, at 11 a.m. A very fine program has been outlined by Rabbi Steinberg and the committee of which Mrs. Victor Herwitz is chairman.

Purim

A date to remember—*March 12.*

A word to the wise—don't be among those missing.

This being the eve of Purim, great plans have been made for your enjoyment, by the chairman, Mrs. J. Michael Wiener.

Tin Foil

Please save all tin foil and bring it to us. Mrs. Caroline Manheimer will see that it is turned over to "Bundles For Britain".

Feb. Bar Mitzvahs

The Bar Mitzvahs of three young men bring congratulations to them and their parents from the membership of the Synagogue. On Feb. 8, Master Ulrich Caro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ehrich Caro was confirmed. Master Frank Mark, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bruno Mark, was Bar Mitzvah on Feb. 15, and the same honors will befall Master Charles Weinberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Weinberg on Feb. 22.

Temple Tid Bits...

by FAY P. WIENER

A CLEVER STUNT: The Haft Brothers contest for "Designing Females" in the Glamour mag. Speaking of the Hafts, and in answer to some reader's query as to how many Hafts we haf, the answer is four — Abraham, Jules, Morris and Samuel . . . **DISCOVERY OF THE**

WEEK: That congregant, Sidney Su-koenig, one of America's foremost concert pianists, was once Jr. Cantor of our hallowed halls . . . **DISTANCE LENDS**

ENCHANTMENT: The Mexican resident whose son is taking a correspondence course in Bar Mitzvah training from our Rabbi Steinberg . . . **AN APPOINTMENT WORTH KEEPING:** We

gleaned from a medical periodical that Dr. Jacob Buckstein has been appointed Ass't. Prof. of Clinical Medicine at Cornell Univ. Med. College . . . **A NOBBY**

HOBBY: Gertrude Robinson, our associate editor and office key-clicker, has also clicked as a member of the Little Theatre Guild, for her performance in a laugh provoking satire on a psychoanalytical theme . . . **SAVE THAT DATE:**

Wednesday night, March 12, The Purim Eve Sing and Swing Party, plans for which are swinging merrily along. Our snow allergic members who have forsaken us for the tropics should begin packing their trunks now in readiness for the Big Reunion . . . **WHAT IS YOUR RELATIVITY?** Did you know that Harry Hershfield is Mrs. Victor Herwitz's uncle?

. . . that Gertrude Tonkonogy, prominent playwright, is Mrs. Harold Osserman's sister? . . . that Jacob Epstein, renowned sculptor, is David Lieberman's brother-in-law? . . . that Estelle Sternberger, radio commentator and national figure, is Mrs. J. Easton Holzman's mommy? . . . **FRIDAY NIGHT CHIT-CHIT:** We miss Emanuel Rosenthal's cordial Good Shabbat greeting since Uncle Sam has pressed him into defense service as instructor of warfare apparatus.

. . . The quaint, Dickensian, scholarly Scotchman, who sits way down front so as not to miss a single word, is one of

Special Purim Celebration Wednesday Evening, Mar. 12

A very unusual Purim celebration is to take place on Wednesday evening, March 12. As is traditional, the earlier part of the evening will be devoted to a service and the reading of the Megillah. The announcement of those who are to participate in the reading will be made in the next issue of THE SCROLL.

Highlighting the Purim entertainment in the Vestry will be a program brought to us from the radio by Mr. Bernard Prensky. The program will consist of an orchestra, vocalists and a master of ceremonies, which have won considerable fame over the air for their interesting musical fusion which they call "Jewish Swing". Persons who have heard the program from time to time are most enthusiastic about this "personal appearance." Dancing will follow the program.

The Sisterhood will serve refreshments. No admission will be charged either at the Service or at the program and dancing in the Vestry. A Sisterhood committee, chair-manned by Mrs. J. Michael Wiener, is in charge of the evening's program.

Rabbi Steinberg's most ardent admirers

. . . **A DOUBLE HEADER:** This month heralded the arrival of two memorable items for the **Sidney W. Gottliebs**. While

Mrs. Gottlieb is cornering the market for three cornered pants for Baby Elizabeth, Editor Sidney is accepting congrats on the birth of his swell publication, the "Yorkville Zionist" . . . **CANOPY CA-**

PERS: The **Bernard Prenskys** are celebrating the marriage of their daughter Natalie . . . The **Julius Guggenheimers** are doing likewise for son Herbert . . .

Two of our Sunday School teachers and Coterie Club leaders, **Wolfe Charney** and **Gertrude Ribakove**, have also tied the nuptial knot, but not to each other . . .

CONGRATS: To the **Max Hamburgs**, who became grandparents last month . . .

A WORD OF CHEER: To those in the grip of the gripe and blue with the flu: Be grateful that you're only goose-flesh conscious, and not goose-step conscious.